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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Replace the specification beginning at page 1, line 1 with the following rewritten specification:

-- RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is related to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/160,874, filed October 22, 1999, and entitled "Sharing A User's Personal Information," which application is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

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BACKGROUND

The computer system 100 illustrated in Fig. 1 represents a typical hardware setup for executing software that allows users to perform tasks such as communicating with other computer users, accessing various computer resources, and viewing, creating, or otherwise manipulating electronic content – that is, any combination of text, images, movies, music or other sound, animations, 3D virtual worlds, and links to other objects. The system includes various input/output (I/O) devices (mouse 103, keyboard 105, display 107) and a general purpose computer 100 having a central processor unit (CPU) 121, an I/O unit 117, and a memory 109 that stores data and various programs such as an operating system 111, and one or ore application programs 113. The computer system 100 also typically includes some sort of communications